



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 26	26th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter week II St. Paul IV, SS. Cosmas and Damian	Job 1, 6-22; Lk 9, 46-50.	5:30 PM
Tue 27	26th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Vincent de Paul	Job 3, 1-3. 11-17. 20-23; Lk 9, 51-56.	5:30 PM
Wed 28	26th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Wenceslaus, SS. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	Job 9, 1-12. 14-16; Lk 9, 57-62.	5:30 PM
Thu 29	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL	Dan 7, 9-10. 13-14 or Rev 12, 7-12a; Jn 1, 47-51.	5:30 PM
Fri 30	26th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Jerome	Job 38, 1, 12-21; 40, 3-5; Lk 10, 13-16.	12:15 PM
Sat 1	26th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Is 66, 10-14; Mt 18, 1-5.	5:30 PM
Sun 2	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III	Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4; 2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14. Lk 17, 5-10.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

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## 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Reading I: Amos 6, 1a. 4-7;  
 Responsorial Psalm: 145, 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10.  
 Reading II: 1 Timothy 6, 11-16.  
 Gospel: Luke 16, 19-31.

Revised Roman Missal: 994 (Bahasa 1503)



### REFLECTION

In this Gospel passage we are confronted by a different outcome experienced by two men: a **bad rich man and a good poor man**. Riches are not evil in themselves, nor is poverty itself good, but rather the way of acting as a wealthy person or our human dignity in supporting poverty, since there are good and bad ways of being both rich and poor.

1. The man in the parable was **living by wealth and for wealth**; it was his only aim in life: garments of purple and the finest linen, feasts, praise from his friends, this is how he spent each day. His name is not given in the Gospel. It just says, "There was a rich man, fond of rich banquets." We will always remember the name of the poor man however: Lazarus.

The rich man ended up being more tormented than the poor man was in this life, while in the end the poor man was happier than any rich man in the world. **God gives each person what they deserve**. And earthly wealth distracts us from true treasure. Christ gives us the chance to be rich. But a richness that far exceeds the price of gold and fine garments.

2. In this parable Christ isn't saying that rich people are going to Hell and poor people to Heaven, but rather that **we run the risk of getting attached to material things and forgetting about the goods of Heaven**. The poor man had nothing in this life, and the rich man had it all, but in the end they both died. Money couldn't buy a longer life for this unknown soul. How differently they both ended up! They both had the opportunity to listen to Moses and the prophets. The rich man paid no attention to them, but the other fellow learned to see everything as coming from God.

3. **Christ invites the rich and poor alike to make it to Heaven**. He tells the rich to share their wealth with the needy and to invest it in works of charity and care of the sick and the dying, so their life can be easier. And he tells the poor to be united to him on the Cross he bore, to desire only the things of Heaven, to see even the little they do have as passing. We need to make the rich people of this world rich in a new way, getting the treasure of Faith, of love for Christ and of hope. How correctly someone said, "*the man who has God lacks nothing.*"

The society we live in measures a man by what he has, and not who he is. We detach our heart from the things of this earth, which are superficial and perishable. Our heart is like a potato that easily gets rooted to the ground. Let us not try to fill it with things, because we would reach eternity with empty hands. **Let us fix our gaze on the things that are above.**

### CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

### LEGION OF MARY

English Sat 2:00pm  
 Bahasa Fri 6:00pm  
 Chinese Wed 7:30pm

### DEVOTIONS

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Sat 5:00pm  
 Holy Hour Fri 7:30pm

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Vocation Tree 1st Sun 10:30am Prayer

### PRAYER MEETINGS

Iban Mon 7:30pm  
 English (Monthly) Tue 7:30pm  
 Bahasa Thu 7:30pm

### BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION

English Thu 7:30pm

### RCIA Classes

English Mon 7:30pm  
 Iban Mon 8:30pm  
 Bahasa Thu 6:00pm  
 Chinese Tue 10:00am

### Infant Baptism

Normally scheduled for the 1st Saturday of the month. Please register with the Parish Office.

## Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the **St. Vincent de Paul Fund**.

## 108th World Day of Migrants & Refugees WDMR (25th September)

On the last Sunday of September annually, the Church celebrates the WDMR with the 2022 theme "Building the Future with Migrants & Refugees". Let us appreciate and pray for our migrant brothers and sisters who "revitalize our communities and enliven our celebrations", building our faith community together.

## SSVP Feast Day (27th September)

As part of SSVP Food Drive, please bring your donation to the 5:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, 27th September. Do inform the parish office if you know of anyone who needs help, or register your request online via the QR code provided.



## Examination Mass (30th September)

There will be a Mass for students sitting for examinations on Friday, 30th September at 12:15 PM. May the Holy Spirit guide them to prepare and sit for their examinations with peace of mind and clear knowledge.

## Opening of the Block Rosary 2022 (1st October)

The Block Rosary 2022 will begin at the COOL Rosary Garden on 1st October at 5:30 PM. Mass will follow thereafter.

## English and Chinese Combined Prayer Meeting (4th October)

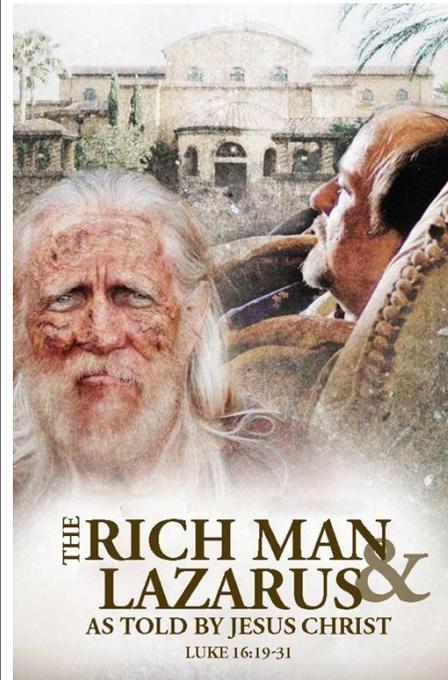
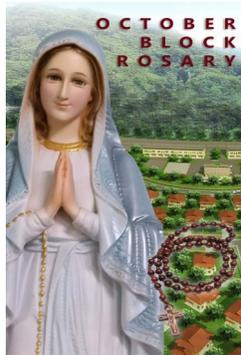
There will be a combined English and Chinese prayer meeting on Tuesday 4th October at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join.

## 20th Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour (7th October)

This global event will be celebrated here on 7th October immediately after the 12:15 PM Mass with Rosary recitation by Sunday School students. Parents, children and teachers are encouraged to join.

## Guide for October Block Rosary 2022

- Host sign-up on the list posted at the church entrance
- Inform family and friends of the day you will host
- Join the 5.30pm Mass on the day and take home the statue of Mary and a set of prayer booklets to use
- Recite the Rosary and other suggested prayers in the Block Rosary Booklet at your home that evening
- Return the statue and prayer booklets / handover to the next host at church the following day before 5:30 PM Mass.



## **Watch and Reflect**

Scan the QR code below to watch this powerful 12 minute rendition of the Parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus.



Am I like the rich man or Lazarus?

What have I been blessed with, and what have I suffered in this life?

Am I too focused on my needs, wants and issues rather than reaching out to people who need my love and service?

Am I too isolated behind my own "walls and gates" of masks, indifference, busyness, resentment and hurt?

Who are the Lazaruses around me, the suffering and downtrodden that I choose to ignore, the others that I treat unkindly or find revolting?

What must I do to gain eternal life?



## **Blessing of Animals (4th October @ 6:00 PM)**

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of all of God's creatures, we will hold Blessing of the Animals prayer services on Tuesday, 4th October at 6:00 PM. Animal lovers are invited to bring their pets to have them blessed and gently sprinkled with holy water. The services are a way of thanking God for the pets that bring joy to so many. To keep everyone and the pets safe, please be sure your pet is leashed or properly under your control at all times.